Guru Stotram

The Guru Stotram is a sacred 14-verse hymn originating from the Guru Gita (found in the Skanda Purana). It is traditionally chanted to invoke devotion, dissolve the ego, and offer salutations to the spiritual master (Guru) who dispels the darkness of ignorance.

Each verse of this hymn beautifully illustrates the divine role of a Guru, equating them to the ultimate reality (Brahman) and the creators, sustainers, and destroyers of the universe (Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva). The verses are highly philosophical, carrying deep spiritual significance.

गुरु स्तोत्रम्

गुरु स्तोत्रम्, गुरु गीता (जो स्कंद पुराण का हिस्सा है) से लिया गया 14 श्लोकों वाला एक पवित्र स्तोत्र है। पारंपरिक रूप से इसका पाठ भक्ति जगाने, अहंकार को मिटाने और अज्ञानता के अंधेरे को दूर करने वाले आध्यात्मिक गुरु को नमन करने के लिए किया जाता है।

इस स्तोत्र का हर श्लोक गुरु की दिव्य भूमिका को बहुत सुंदर ढंग से बताता है। इसमें गुरु की तुलना परम सत्य (ब्रह्म) और ब्रह्मांड के रचयिता, पालनकर्ता और संहारक (ब्रह्मा, विष्णु और शिव) से की गई है। ये श्लोक बहुत दार्शनिक हैं और इनका गहरा आध्यात्मिक महत्व है।

अखण्ड-मण्डलाकारं व्याप्तं येन चराचरम्।
तत्पदं दर्शितं येन तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः॥१॥

akhaṇḍa-maṇḍalākāraṃ vyāptaṃ yena carācaram.
tatpadaṃ darśitaṃ yena tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 1

Salutations are to that guru who showed me the abode, the one who is to be known, whose form is the entire universe and by whom all the movable and immovable are pervaded.

अज्ञान-तिमिरान्धस्य ज्ञानाञ्जन-शलाकया।
चक्षुरुन्मीलितं येन तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः ॥२॥

ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā.
cakṣurunmīlitaṃ yena tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 2

Salutations are to that guru who opened the eye of one blind due to the darkness (cover) of ignorance with a needle coated with the ointment of knowledge.

गुरुर्ब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः ।
गुरुरेव परं ब्रह्म तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः॥३॥

gururbrahmā gururviṣṇuḥ gururdevo maheśvaraḥ .
gurureva paraṃ brahma tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 3

Salutations to that guru who is the creator, sustainer and destroyer, who is the limitless one.

स्थावरं जङ्गमं व्याप्तं यत्किञ्चित् सचराचरम्।
तत्पदं दर्शितं येन तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः॥४॥

sthāvaraṃ jaṅgamaṃ vyāptaṃ yatkiñcit sacarācaram.
tatpadaṃ darśitaṃ yena tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 4

Salutations are to that guru who showed me the one to be known, who permeates whatever is movable, immovable, sentient or insentient.

चिन्मयं व्यापि यत्सर्व त्रैलोक्यं सचराचरम्।
तत्पदं दर्शितं येन तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः॥५॥

cinmayaṃ vyāpi yatsarva trailokyaṃ sacarācaram.
tatpadaṃ darśitaṃ yena tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 5

Salutations to that teacher who showed me (by teaching) the one to be known, who is but awareness and who is the pervader of all three worlds comprising the sentient and insentient.

सर्व-श्रुति-शिरोरत्न- विराजित-पदाम्बुजः।
वेदान्ताम्बुज-सूर्यो यः तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः॥६॥

sarva-śruti-śiroratna- virājita-padāmbujaḥ.
vedāntāmbuja-sūryo yaḥ tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 6

Salutations are to that guru who is the sun to the lotus of Vedanta and whose lotus feet are made radiant by the jewel of all srutis (Upanishads).

चैतन्यः शाश्वतः शान्तः व्योमातीतो निस्अनः।
बिन्दु-नाद-कलातीतः तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः ॥७॥

caitanyaḥ śāśvataḥ śāntaḥ vyomātīto nisanaḥ.
bindu-nāda-kalātītaḥ tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 7

Salutations are to that guru who is awareness, changeless (beyond time), who is peace, beyond space, pure (free from likes and dislikes), and who is beyond the manifest and the unmanifest (Nada, Bindu, etc.).

ज्ञान-शक्ति-समारूढः तत्त्वमाला-विभूषितः।
भुक्ति-मुक्ति-प्रदाता च तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः॥८॥

jñāna-śakti-samārūḍhaḥ tattvamālā-vibhūṣitaḥ.
bhukti-mukti-pradātā ca tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 8

Salutations are to that guru who is rooted in knowledge that is power, adorned with the garland of truth and who is the bestower of the joy of liberation.

अनेक-जन्म-सम्प्राप्त- कर्म-बन्ध-विदाहिने।
आत्मज्ञान-प्रदानेन तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः॥९॥

aneka-janma-samprāpta- karma-bandha-vidāhine.
ātmajñāna-pradānena tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 9

Salutations are to that guru who by bestowing the knowledge of the self burns up the bondage created by accumulated actions of innumerable births.

शोषणं भव-सिन्धोश्च ज्ञापनं सार-सम्पदः ।
गुरोः पादोदकं सम्यक् तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः ॥ १० ॥

śoṣaṇaṃ bhava-sindhośca jñāpanaṃ sāra-sampadaḥ .
guroḥ pādodakaṃ samyak tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 10

Salutations are to that guru; the perennial flow of wisdom from the one rooted in the vision of the sruti, dries up totally to ocean of transmigration (samsara) and reveals the essence of all wealth (the freedom of want).

न गुरोरधिकं तत्त्वं न गुरोरधिकं तपः।
तत्त्वज्ञानात् परं नास्ति तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः॥११॥

na guroradhikaṃ tattvaṃ na guroradhikaṃ tapaḥ.
tattvajñānāt paraṃ nāsti tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 11

There is nothing superior to knowledge of truth, nothing higher than the truth,
and there is no purifying austerity better than the truth; salutations to that guru.

मन्नाथः श्रीजगन्नाथः मद्गुरुः श्री जगद्गुरुः ।
मदात्मा सर्वभूतात्मा तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः ॥ १२॥

mannāthaḥ śrījagannāthaḥ madguruḥ śrī jagadguruḥ .
madātmā sarvabhūtātmā tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 12

Prostrations to that guru who is the lord of the universe, my teacher,
who is the teacher of the universe, who is the self in me, and the self in all beings.

गुरुरादिरनादिश्च गुरुः परमदैवतम्।
गुरोः परतरं नास्ति तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः॥ १३॥

gururādiranādiśca guruḥ paramadaivatam.
guroḥ parataraṃ nāsti tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ - 13

Salutations are to that guru who is the beginning and the beginningless,
who is the highest deity and to whom there is none superior.

त्वमेव माता च पिता त्वमेव । त्वमेव बन्धुश्च सखा त्वमेव
त्वमेव विद्या द्रविणं त्वमेव । त्वमेव सर्वं मम देवदेव ॥ १४॥

tvameva mātā ca pitā tvameva . tvameva bandhuśca sakhā tvameva
tvameva vidyā draviṇaṃ tvameva . tvameva sarvaṃ mama devadeva - 14

O god of all gods, you alone are my mother, father, kinsman, friend,
the knowledge and wealth. You are everything to me.

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